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TAGS: PINT, AF

SUBJECT: CHARACTERIZATION OF THE NEW REGIME

IN PRESS BRIEFINGS AND BACKGROUNDERS WE ARE AVOIDING  
ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE NEW REGIME UNTIL WE HAVE A  
CLEARER FIX ON ITS POLICY ORIENTATION. WE FEEL IT  
IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN ON THE QUESTION OF  
OUR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WE DO NOT  
WISH TO FORECLOSE AT THIS TIME THE CONTINUATION OF  
ANY PROGRAMS THOUGH IN THIS CONNECTION WE DRAW YOUR  
ATTENTION TO SECTION 620F OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT  
AS AMENDED. VANCE

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